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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCES RECRUITING AND RETENTION
NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021**

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced recruiting and retention statistics for the Active and Reserve Components through the eighth month of fiscal year (FY) 2021 [May 31, 2021].

- **Pandemic's Impact.**
 - The Services' continuing efforts throughout the accession enterprise helped to mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the enlisted recruiting enterprise.
 - Appropriate adjustments have been made to ensure the safety and well-being of Service members, their families, and potential recruits. Collectively, these efforts ensure the force is safely manned while meeting the mission needs of the National Defense Strategy.

- **Active Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The data below represents the Services' cumulative monthly goals and accessions/gains through the eighth month of FY2021, May 2021.
 - Army Accessions: Goal 33,329; Attained 33,485, (100.47 percent/+156).
 - Navy Accessions: Goal 20,762; Attained 20,713, (99.76 percent/-49).
 - Marine Corps Accessions: Goal 18,055; Attained 18,078; (100.13 percent/+23).
 - Air Force Accessions: Goal 17,444; Attained 17,454 (100.06 percent/+10).
 - **Quality.** All Active Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks.
 - **Retention.** All Services exhibited strong retention during the eighth month of the fiscal year and are on glide path to achieve FY2021 retention targets.

- **Reserve Component.**
 - **Recruiting.** The Service data below represents the Reserve Components' cumulative monthly goals and monthly accessions/gains through the eighth month of FY2021, May 2021.
 - Army NG Gains: Goal 30,406; Attained 25,127 (82.64 percent/-5,279).
 - Army Reserve Gains: Goal 10,412; Attained 7,748 (74.41percent/-2,664).
 - Navy Reserve Gains: Goal 3,821; Attained 3,193 (83.56 percent/-628).
 - Marine Corps Reserve Gains: Goal 5,590; Attained 6,116 (109.41. percent/+526).
 - Air NG Gains: Goal 6,727; Attained 4,952 (73.61 percent/-1,775).
 - Air Force Reserve Gains: Goal 4,943; Attained 4,830 (97.71 percent/-113).
 - **Quality.** The Reserve Components met or exceeded the DoD quality benchmarks, with the exception of the Army National Guard.
 - **Attrition.** All of the reserve components (with the exception of the USMCR) were at or below their FY2021 year-to-date attrition targets.

Detailed information on specific recruiting data can be obtained by contacting the individual military recruiting commands at 502-626-0164 for Army, 210-565-4678 for Air Force, 703-784-9454 for Marine Corps, and 901-874-9048 for Navy. The Reserve Components can be reached at the following numbers: National Guard Bureau 703-607-2586, Army Reserve 910-570-8330, Air Force Reserve 703-697-1761, Navy Reserve 757-322-5652, and Marine Corps Reserve 504-678-6535.